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SUBJECT: SECURITY: ASSIGNMENT OF RSO

REF: STATE 137943; NICOSIA 1545

1. POST RESPONDING TO PARA 2 REFTTEL CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT
OF FOREIGN SERVICE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER (RSO) THIS
POST. RECAPITULATION FROM PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE OF SPECIFIC
DUTIES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION OF 16 MSG WATCH-
STANDERS AT CHANCERY, RADIO RELAY SITE AND PERHAPS IN FUTURE
FBIS.

(B) PLANNING AND DIRECTION FOR 3 MSG AND 2 CYPRIOT PERSONAL
BODY GUARDS FOR AMBASSADOR.

(C) ALL NORMAL CURRENT SECURITY DUTIES PERFORMED BY POST
ADMINISTRATIVE/SECURITY OFFICER, INCLUDING REGULAR SECURITY
INVESTIGATIONS FOR ABOUT 200 RTPRIOT USG EMPLOYEES AND
PHYSICAL SECURITY OF CHANCERY, RESIDENCE AND USIS.

(D) ALL POLICE CONTACTS CURRENTLY HANDLED BY RRO SECURITY
OFFICER INCLUDING DETAILED LIAISON OF THE MANY TRAFFIC
ACCIDENTS AND SIMILAR PROBLEMS GENERATED BY ABOUT 300 AMERICAN
USG PERSONNEL.

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(E) REVISE AND MAINTAIN E&E PLAN.

2. RSO WOULD NOT BE REGIONAL IN NORMAL SENSE OF REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER IN THAT THIS POST WOULD BE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY, BUT POST UNDERSTANDS SY HAS NO OTHER PERSONNEL CATEGORY TO FIT NEED. PRESENT BEIRUT BASED RSO HOLDS STRONG VIEW FULL TIME SECURITY JOB REQUIRED BY THIS POST ALONE. SINCE KHARTOUM INCIDENT AND DEVELOPMENTS THIS POST, POST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OCCUPIED ABOUT HALF TIME ON SECURITY BUT MUST NEGLECT CERTAIN SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS DUE TIME AND WORKLOAD FACTORS.

3. EARLY THINKING HAD BEEN THAT RSO WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED UNTIL AUTUMN. HOWEVER, NOW REALIZE RSO ASSIGNMENT URGENTLY REQUIRED. RECENT NEED FOR TIGHTENING OF SECURITY PROCEDURES HERE REQUIRES THOROUGH REVIEW AND REVISION OF MSG STANDING ORDERS, PREPARATION OF SIMILAR STANDING ORDERS FOR PSU'S AND CYPRIOT POLICEMAN ON EMBASSY DUTY, PLUS CODIFICATION OF FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, SUPERVISION OF FINAL PHASES INSTALLATION OF SECURITY DEVICES. E AND E PLAN BADLY NEEDS REVISION, AND STAFF NEEDS INDOCTRINATION IN E AND E. THESE REQUIREMENTS SHOULD FULLY OCCUPY NEW RSO UNTIL NEXT SPRING, WHEN IN ADDITION HE WOULD TAKE OVER LIAISON DUTIES PARA 1 (D) ABOVE FROM RRO SECURITY OFFICER SCHEDULED TO DEPART AT THAT TIME WITHOUT REPLACEMENT.

4. BELIEVE NEA/EX AND NEA/CYP CAN SPELL OUT REQUIREMENTS IN DETAIL, AND SHOULD BE CONSULTED CONCERNING RELATION THIS REQUIREMENT TO OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN TRAIN HERE.
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